

5 O'CLOCK EXTRA

THE MYSTERY STILL DEEP.
NOTHING TO SHOW YET WHO ASSAULTED
OLD MR. BENNETT.

The Police Appear to Suspect the Son, but Mr. Bennett and the Family Seem the Idea—A Policeman Still on Watch in the House—Express Driver Higbee Discharged.

"I believe that the man who assaulted Mr. Bennett lived in the house."

This from Detective Holtie is the only declaration which any of the Jersey City police authorities have yet made regarding the possible perpetrator of the mysterious assault upon Brother Daniel H. Bennett at his home in Forest street, Jersey City Heights, on Sunday morning last.

Though neither Chief Mounsey nor Capt. Smith have declared their belief in the guilt of any particular person yet, all of their movements and the movements of the detectives detailed on the case indicate that they suspect the young man, Augustus Bennett.

The most thorough search of the Bennett house and its vicinity has been made, and a policeman is still kept in the house to record every word that old Mr. Bennett utters relative to the assault.

The old gentleman was up this morning, but confined to his room by order of Dr. Wilkinson, although he expresses a desire to go to his office and attend to his business. He has seen no reporters and read none of the newspaper articles regarding the assault on him. He has expressed a desire to see them, however, and his desire will be gratified this afternoon.

The Evening World reporter was met at the door of the Bennett residence this morning by the suspected son, who was as free to talk as usual.

He said that he had told his father this morning that the police were searching for the public suspect him of having committed the dastardly assault and that his father asked: "What are you doing for me?" and after a silence of a moment or two tearfully exclaimed: "Why don't everybody know that if I should die you would be a great deal worse off than now?"

When Detective Cios was told of this conversation at Police Headquarters he excitedly advised the reporter to carefully preserve the notes of the conversation, that the young man's statements may be compared with the record of the policeman who is stationed constantly in Mr. Bennett's room.

Young Bennett said that his father now remembers that he had \$40 in eight five-dollar bills in one compartment of his pocketbook when he retired Saturday night into the case. This was found in his father's room.

His father, he said, still insists that the motive for the crime was robbery.

Mr. Bennett and her two daughters arrived from Grahamsville last night. They had read an account of the mysterious affair on the cars.

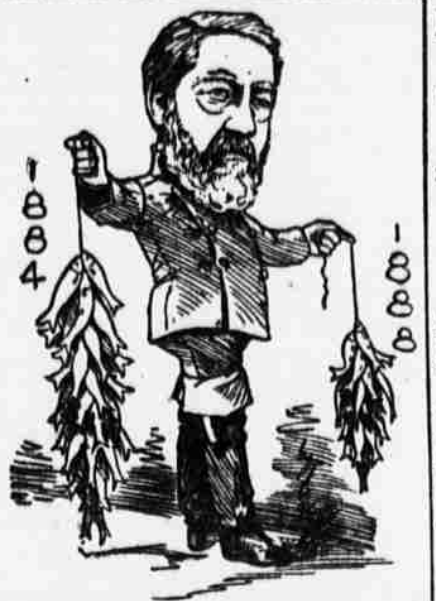
The Sentinel asserted this morning that she would read no more, they were so unfair to her son.

She refused to be interviewed and reported her son for admitting reporters to the house and talking so freely.

Gus said in relation to this report that he had nothing to conceal and he did not care to be accused of anything to prevent the fullest investigation into the case. This he said he had acted in according all the information of which he is possessed to the press and police.

It had been rumored that the relations between himself and his father have been somewhat strained, and not so friendly as was supposed.

An answer to this the young man said this morning that he had never had any disagreement with his father at any time excepting in the matter of spending his evenings at home. His father had never been at home with him during the evening, but Augustus preferred to seek pleasure elsewhere. The young man said that this disagreement was over a matter of money.



A DISAPPOINTING STRING OF FIRE.

A VILLAGE SWEET BY FIRE.

The Post Office, Bank, and Many Houses Consumed at Huntington, N. J.

HUNTINGTON, N. J., Sept. 12.—This village was visited by a devastating fire at 4 o'clock this morning and the fire has been burning seven hours. The post-office, the bank and several dwelling-houses are utterly consumed. The local fire department is doing its best to get the fire under control but as yet with little success.

The fire is burning fiercely, and there is no telling where it will stop. The fire companies from the adjoining villages have been telegraphed for. The citizens have turned out and are fighting the fire.

The excitement here is intense. Many families who have been burned out are upon the street bewailing the loss of their property, while others whose houses are threatened are frantic over their almost certain loss.

At noon the fire was brought under control. One whole block was in ruins, and besides the buildings burned H. S. & J. M. Bruhn's store, the telegraph office, Scudder's harness store, J. Scudder's paint store and photograph gallery, Jarvis's carriage factory, David Raynor's blacksmith shop, Charles R. Street's law office, Judge Thomas Young's law office, George Grunman's stationery store, Edward F. Hart's grocery store and the Presbyterian Church were destroyed.

It is impossible at present to estimate the actual loss, but it will be very heavy, and is the most extensive conflagration in the history of the village.

IT IS DIGNIFIED, IT IS DISHONEST.

What the Indianapolis Papers Say of Harrison's Letter of Acceptance.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 12.—The representative organs of the two leading parties in this city comment as follows on Gen. Harrison's letter of acceptance.

The Journal—Perhaps the most striking thing about the letter is its modest but dignified tone and its happy mingling of a pleasant manner with firmness of purpose and association. In this respect the style is the man. Gen. Harrison can fight, but he does not carry a chip on his shoulder. He has a great deal of self-respect, but he does not flaunt it in the people's faces needlessly.

The Sentinel—It is not the letter of a statesman. It is the letter of a demagogue. It is uncandid, dishonest and sophistical in its treatment of the principal issues before the country and in its allusions to the other questions involved in the present campaign. It rises to a no higher level. It is a petty forgery document from the first word to the last.

SHOOTING AT CREEDMOOR.

The President's Match the Event of the Rifle Association Meeting To-Day.

This is the third day of the National Rifle Association's shooting tournament at Creedmoor. The great event of the day is the president's match at 250 and 500 yards, for the military championship of the United States. The winners will contest again at 600 yards. The match is opened to members of the army, navy and marine corps of the United States and the national guard of any State.

FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE.

SUCH THE PROTECTIVE LIQUOR-DEALERS DECLARE THEMSELVES TO-DAY.

Resolutions to Prove the Declaration Well-Founded—They Would Decrease the Number and Increase the Respectability of the Saloon—New Delegates Present—A Banquet To-Night.

To-day's session of the National Protective Association of Liquor-Dealers, which is holding its third annual convention at Chelker Hall, is a busy one.

The committees on resolutions, permanent organization, finance and the scope and character of the work for next year are making their reports to the convention, and each will be fully and carefully discussed. Besides this, the election of officers for the ensuing year is set down for the day and the general winding up of the other business of the convention.

The session was called to order by the President, John M. Atherton, of Louisville, Ky., shortly after 11 o'clock, when there was a full attendance of delegates.

The attendance had been increased since yesterday by the arrival of about thirty additional delegates from the West and South, who had come on to take part in the closing proceedings, especially in the banquet which is to take place this evening at Delmonico's.

Prominent among the new faces were those of A. Reymann and Paul Reymann, of Wheeling, W. Va.; G. Kraus, J. Klein, S. Brubaker and A. C. Miller, all of Wheeling; M. L. Mattern and Daniel Connell, of Washington, D. C.; and Max Klein, the big Pittsburgh brewer. In all there were nearly four hundred delegates present.

The first business called up after the convention came to order was the report of the Committee on Resolutions. There was a long series of them, in which the members of the Association stated their positions with great clearness.

The main point made was that if the policy advocated by the National Protective Association for the regulation of the liquor traffic could be carried out, it would be shown that the organization was really a greater friend of and a more effective agency for temperance than the prohibitionists and other temperance people themselves.

It proposed to mitigate the evils of intemperance by such a regulation of the retail trade as would seem best suited to each locality, and not by any uniform system, such as is contemplated by prohibition or high license.

The members favor a reduction of the number of saloons, and propose to protect those of the better class while abolishing those of the lower grade.

It is a great deal better for the interests of the trade, they say, "to have one saloon in a block, instead of three, and it is also preferable in the interest of public morality."

The system by which brewers loan money to individuals to set them up in the liquor business is also condemned in the resolution, and the association is congratulated upon the satisfactory result of the work of the past year in all its branches.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported a plan for a more effective organization of the association, which was adopted. In the election of officers there was no contest, and Mr. Atherton, the President, was re-elected, unanimously.

GEN. HARRISON'S VIEWS.

Sage Utterances in the Republican Candidate's Letter of Acceptance.

In his formal letter of acceptance of the Republican Presidential nomination, Gen. Harrison starts out by congratulating the party on its utterances in the platform of the Chicago Convention, and especially with regard to the question of the tariff. The issue, he declares, is the all-important one, and there is no half-way measure. It is either free trade or protection.

The important question, he declares, is not so much the length of the step, but the direction of it, and he asserts that the Mills bill is only a step in the direction of free trade. The people should not be deceived by the motto, "Tariff Reform," which he says is only adopted to obscure the issue and deceive the people.

"The Republican party," he says, "holds that a protective tariff is constitutional, wholesome and a necessary measure to preserve the American market for American producers."

The question of the result of a lower tariff is summed up as follows: "Less work and lower wages must be accepted as the inevitable result of the increased offering of foreign goods in our market."

Our workmen have the settlement of the question in their own hands. They now obtain higher wages and live more comfortably than those of any other country. They will make choice between the substantial advantages they have in hand and the deceptive forecasts of those theorizing reformers."

Gen. Harrison says the Treasury surplus has been magnified and made for the protection of the tariff. He is especially hostile to the evil, frighten the people and help them in their unholy aim against the tariff laws, but he does not seem to think that there will be any difficulty in satisfactorily disposing of the matter. His idea is that the surplus should be applied to the purchase of bonds. The "free whiskey" plank is passed over in silence.

He declares against the importation of contract labor, and suggests that a revision of the immigration laws would benefit the American laborer. He is especially hostile to Chinese immigration, and says it ought to be stopped altogether.

The subject of election frauds is touched upon, and a demand is made for the protection of the voters in the South, where, he intimates, they are practically disfranchised.

In the matter of Trusts, Gen. Harrison says he is against them and always has been, in spite of the declarations of the Maine statesman, and hopes that the legislative authority will find some fair and effective method of dealing with them.

Indirectly Gen. Harrison indorses President Cleveland's "retaliation message," and in regard to foreign relations with other countries, he advocates the fostering and protecting the trade with South America and the Central American States.

In conclusion, he says he is in perfect accord with every utterance of the platform, and entirely agrees with all the principles enumerated in the resolutions.

JERSEY CITY NEWS.

A Dealer Saw His Stock Being Packed Up by Burglars.

Ferdinand Lenhart keeps a shoe store at 588 Jersey avenue.

Late last night he heard a noise in the store and saw four men packing up almost all of his stock.

He gave the alarm and an officer caught two of the men, John Carter and Henry Hodge, of 64 Hiescker street. Dozens of shoes had been packed up and taken to the store, but only a few carried away by the fleeing men. Both men were held for trial this morning.

A Card from the Metal Roofs.

To the Editor of The Evening World.

ONE VOICE.

Democrats at Buffalo Are for Hill.



DAVID B. HILL.

Opening of a Great and Harmonious Convention.

It Will Be Short, Sweet and Very Enthusiastic.

After Organizing a Recess Was Taken Until 6 O'Clock.

Hill, Jones and Gray Will Be Nominated by Acclamation To-Night.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

BUFFALO, Sept. 12.—The streets about the Genesee House are packed and jammed with enthusiastic Democrats. The lobby of the hotel is impassable, and if it were not for the delightful cool breezes blowing in from Lake Erie there would surely be a big demand for new collars and shirt front covers. As it is, the atmosphere is perfect, everybody is happy and the best of good feeling exists.

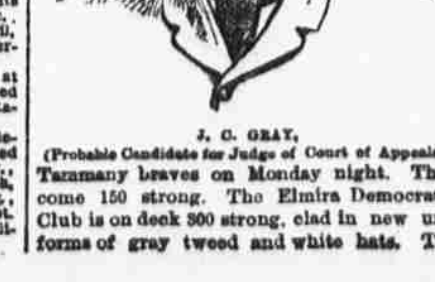


EDWARD F. JONES.

On every hand there is a wholesome lack of the usual wrangling and disputing which almost always accompanies the informal preliminary to a nominating convention. This apparent unanimity promises a prompt disposal of the business before the convention after the organization is effected.

Every incoming train brings its quota of good Democrats bent on renominating David B. Hill and incidentally have a high old time. Each club as it arrives is escorted by local Democrats to the wide plaza in front of the Genesee where it breaks ranks, but not until each and every one of them rings the echo with shouts for Gov. Hill.

Among the clubs that arrived this morning were the Pilgrims, the members of which club of Troy helped so royally to entertain the



J. C. GRAY.

Gawanda Democratic Legion marched behind two immense flags, the Stars and Stripes, and the banner of Erin. They are 200 strong.

There is a great diversity of badges and other club emblems, and the most conspicuous is the broad green badge of the Henry D. Purroy Association. There is no division of opinion here, and everywhere are groups of happy Democrats of all factions, and everybody is shouting himself hoarse for Cleveland, Thurman and Hill.

Tammany Hall and the County Democracy have united on a list of seventy-two delegates. Each organization gets thirty-six delegates.

CONVENTION HALL, BUFFALO, Sept. 12.—It is 11.30 and Music Hall, where the convention is held, is rapidly filling up. Gen. Spaulding and his wonderful high row hat are conspicuous in the front row of seats. Hugh McLaughlin, the Kings County Mogul, has arrived and is engaged in earnest conversation with Mayor Gleason, of Long Island City. Mayor Gleason's seat in the convention is being contested and he wishes help from McLaughlin.

The members of the Elmira Hill Club have filed in and have scooped up the best seats in the gallery. They are ready to yell as soon as David B. Hill is placed before the convention for renomination.

The Purroy Democrats have secured seats in the centre aisle, but the leaders of this crowd of Democrats are somewhat scattered. Commissioner Purroy will be a delegate from Rensselaer County while Edward Kearney will answer "Here" from Saratoga County. Deputy Street-Cleaning Commissioner Seibold appears as a delegate from Erie County. Deputy Tax Commissioner Deignan is a farmer from Fulton and Hamilton counties.

There were yells and yells when a portrait of President Cleveland was carried to the platform. The delegates also yelled when a portrait of Gov. Hill was displayed. The crowd in the gallery gave three cheers for Hill.

Commissioner Croker and the Tammany Hall Braves were greeted with cheers as they walked down the aisle. The County Democratic delegates are seated on the right aisle. Judge Maurice J. Power is missed. The new York suffrage for the day is fever, but his condition is not thought to be serious.

At 12.30 o'clock ex-Mayor Edward Murphy, of Troy, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, called the Convention to order. He received an ovation.

Mr. Murphy announced that the State Committee had selected Mr. George Haines, of Rochester, for temporary Chairman, Austin Lathrop, of Corning, and Alderman

OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Forster, of New York, escorted Mr. Haines to the platform amid greatest enthusiasm. Mr. Haines made an eloquent speech. He reviewed the history of the Democratic party in the State. The delegates and the crowd in the gallery yelled at the names of Tilden and Seymour.

Mr. Haines made many telling hits at the Republican party. His humorous sallies at Blaine were heartily appreciated. He paid a high tribute to Grover Cleveland and his Administration, and the convention greeted his remarks with applause.

When Mr. Haines mentioned the name of David B. Hill he had to stop his speech. There were yells for full three minutes. The Tammany Hall people joined the cheers, but the County Democratic delegates remained silent.

When the names of the delegates were called the names of Richard Croker, Gen. Spaulding, County Clerk Plack, Sheriff Grant, Col. Fellows, Henry D. Purroy and Col. Murphy were greeted with applause.

The Long Island City contested delegation dispute was referred to the Committee on Permanent Organization. There will be a nice row when the committee meets. The warring factions from Long Island City are very bitter against each other. The convention took a recess at 1.45 o'clock until 6 o'clock this evening, when it will end its labors.

The ticket will be David B. Hill for Governor, Edward A. Jones for Lieutenant-Governor, and John C. Gray for Judge of the Court of Appeals. The ticket will be nominated by acclamation.

5 O'CLOCK EXTRA

HE FEARED THE MAD-HOUSE.

FRANK IRIONS, A BIRMINGHAM ABSCONDER, SURRENDERS IN LONDON.

Once Clerk of the City Court, He Stole and Lost in Speculation \$10,000 and Then Ran Away—Story of His Experience During the Last Seven Months—His Blind Was Becoming Unbalanced.

(SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE WORLD.)

LONDON, Sept. 12.—A man who says his name is Frank B. Irion called at the office of Consul-General Walter today and said he was a fugitive absconder from America, and having exhausted his resources desired to deliver himself up to justice.

He is thirty-one years of age, well built, but bears the appearance of having undergone many hardships. It seems, according to Irion's story, that he was Clerk and Register of the City Court of Birmingham, Ala., until the 1st of last January. During the last six months he had been in a measure at least been punished for his crime.

Irion made his way to Victoria, B. C., over the Canadian Pacific Railway, spending his money freely en route. He ran out of funds two days before he reached Victoria, and arrived there hungry. His watch and jewelry kept him from suffering for a time, and furnished money for a ticket to Seattle. Here he worked in a coal-mining office, and then went to Portland, Ore., where he was employed in a livery stable. His mind had become a little unbalanced and he imagined constantly that he was being pursued. This feeling of fear caused him to work his way to San Francisco, where he arrived about the 15th of March. His shabby and haggard appearance prevented him from securing any employment to which he was suited, and he spent there three weeks of abject misery.

Finally, in his desperation, he shipped as a common sailor, under the name of Frank Moran, on the British ship Cleon, bound for Liverpool. His life before the mast was far from pleasant, but it gave him time for thought. He concluded to surrender himself to the authorities immediately upon his arrival here, believing that the strain upon his mind it continued would soon land him in a madhouse. He landed at Liverpool Aug. 27, with \$12 wages due him, upon which he sustained until this morning, when he made a clean front in the Consul-General's office.

THE HOFFMAN HOUSE MYSTERY.

Coroner Messmer Will Ascertain Whether the Case Was One of Suicide.

The body of the young Englishman known as Lawrence Herbert, of London, who is supposed to have committed suicide last Sunday in his room at the Hoffman House, was removed last night from the hotel to Kipp's undertaking shop in First avenue, near Eighth street. It will remain there until it is decided what final disposition will be made of the body.

The undertaker's assistants had packed the remains in ice and they lay in the shop this morning awaiting the arrival of Coroner Messmer, who is expected to make an autopsy for it is yet uncertain whether he committed suicide or not and what was the real cause of death.

It was at first reported that he had shot himself, as a revolver with one chamber discharged was found lying on the floor beside the body. When no mark of a bullet wound was found, however, the coroner's assistants had to be content with the fact that he had poisoned himself with arsenic pills.

The mystery as to the identity of the suicide still continues. At the Hoffman House, this morning, it was stated that nothing was known of him aside from the fact that he came from London and was a stranger in the city. His effects, which are of considerable value, consisting of clothing, trunk-knives and some jewelry, are in the custody of the proprietor of the house. Up to noon to-day there had been no inquiries from friends or acquaintances of the dead man.

Judging from what had been seen of him during his stay at the Hoffman House, his manner, appearance and bearing, the belief was that he belonged to some aristocratic family has gained ground, in which case he was probably travelling incognito.

The Charge Fell Through.

Leopold Kurtz, a shoe dealer, with two stores of his own, one at Delancy and Norfolk streets, the other at Chrystie and Hester streets, was locked up at Police Headquarters last night and taken this morning to the Jefferson Market Police Court. It was alleged that he had \$1,000 worth of madcap shoes and whole skins of leather stolen from John J. Lattin, owner of 50 Kratie street.

There was considerable difficulty in making a complaint, as no thief had been arrested nor could it be said when the property was stolen or how it was stolen. Justice Gordon finally discharged Kurtz.

Directed by a Stringer.

Charles Stevens, aged thirty-six, of One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Willis avenue, was charged at the Jefferson Market Court this morning with robbing his employers, Ellisy, Douglas & Co., of 222 Front street.

The firm said they had been robbed of \$5,000 during the past year, and that Stevens was arrested with the marked bills in his possession. He was held for trial.

Local Rains, Then Fair Weather.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Weather indications: For Eastern New York—Local rains, followed by fair, warm, variable winds.

The Weather To-Day.

Indicated by Biakely's thermo-thermometer.

Time	Temp.	Wind	Clouds
8 A.M.	64	S.W.	75
10 A.M.	68	S.W.	75
12 M.	72	S.W.	75
2 P.M.	76	S.W.	75
4 P.M.	78	S.W.	75
6 P.M.	76	S.W.	75
8 P.M.	74	S.W.	75
10 P.M.	72	S.W.	75
12 M.	70	S.W.	75
2 A.M.	68	S.W.	75
4 A.M.	66	S.W.	75
6 A.M.	64	S.W.	75

Average for corresponding time last year, 65.5 day, 67.0 night.